

as a "unjustifiably bad" continued the statement, "and the government officials do not conceal their anxiety. Just how bad it is I do not know, for I have no first hand information. The fact that the French committee is making its appeal with the knowledge and approval of the government makes any discussion of that unnecessary."

Refuses Comment.
"I cannot comment on the reports that the terms of the American relief administration have been accepted except to say that any friendly contact whatever that can be effected between Russia and America will be of immeasurable benefit to both countries."
"America has been denied uncorroborated information about Russia, for most people in a position to give first hand information are prejudiced witnesses, either on the one side or the other. I tried to be impartial for my sole interest is in America, and without reservation I say I believe friendly relations should be established for the sake of America, particularly to sell the American goods which are rotting and start the fires in the furnaces of the American factories which are idle."

AWAIT OFFICIAL WORD.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Official word of the Russian relief authorities' decision regarding the American relief administration's offer to furnish food to starving Russian children conditioned on the release of American prisoners, and the state department's demand for their release still was lacking late today. The state department however, was officially informed late in the day of the arrival at Riga of Mrs. Marguerite E. Harrison of Baltimore, one of the American prisoners.
Beyond press dispatches announcing the Soviet government's acceptance of the relief offer and its willingness to free American prisoners, Secy Hoover, chairman of the relief administration, was without a reply to his telegram sent last week to Maxim Gorky at Petrograd. Receipt of the telegram was acknowledged several days ago.

Expect Answer.
On the basis of press reports that the reply was being sent by way of London, officials here declared that the answer might be expected at any time. State department officials on the other hand, suggested that no formal answer would be made to demand of the American government for the release of its citizens held by the Soviet, but if they were freed under the conditions of Secy Hoover's offer, the Russian authorities would let the action stand as speaking for itself. Release of Mrs. Harrison, announced, was said to indicate the possible adoption of such a course. In the absence of an official answer to the relief administration's offer, Secy Hoover withheld comment. Mr. Hoover indicated, however, that relief work could begin within 48 hours from the time American prisoners were freed under the administration would be sent at once to him to negotiate the details of food distribution.

ASK HARDING FOR EARLY REFUTATION OF PLAGUE RUMORS

Rep. Byrnes Seeks Action Against Officials Who Misrepresented Case.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Rep. Byrnes of South Carolina, asked President Harding in a letter today to take "appropriate action toward officials who by misrepresenting conditions misled you into making the statement that parts of the south were 'actually menaced by famine and plague.'"

Replying to the president's letter of yesterday in which Mr. Harding said that if investigation developed that reports had misrepresented conditions, official refutation would be desirable, Mr. Byrnes wrote:

"I thought you should know that the people of the south do not question the accuracy of the statement that pellagra may have increased in some one or in several states, but what they complain of is the statement that the entire south is 'actually menaced by famine and plague.' If you will direct that the investigation include the accuracy of this statement and if the facts do not justify it, you will make an official refutation of it. It will be exceedingly gratifying to us."

Great Hesitation.
"I assure you again, Mr. President, that it is with great hesitation that people of the south have taken exception to your statement. They are conscious of the fact that your utterance was based upon information you believed to be reliable, and impelled by the highest motive that can prompt the action of man."

The Institute of American Meat Packers announced today that through its president, Thomas E. Wilson, of Chicago, 20,000 pounds of meat had been offered the public health service for use in prevention and cure of pellagra in any district the service might designate.

STATE ASKS THAT BALL PLAYERS GET MAXIMUM PENALTY.
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maximum punishment for the indicted men.

Says Men Killed Sport.
"These men are killers," he told the jury. "They conspired to kill baseball to murder our greatest sport, to defraud the public and their comrades—even to defraud the children of this country—your children and my children, who pay their bleacher admission fee to watch their heroes play a game they believe to be honest."

"A murderer deserves the utmost in punishment. Eddie Clotte, Joe Jackson, Happy Felsch, Buck Weaver, Claud Williams, Chick Gandil and these gamblers conspired to murder baseball and I demand that you twelve gentlemen inflict the maximum punishment of a \$2,000 fine and five years in the penitentiary on each of them."

Love is the weapon for which there is no shield.

SECY HUGHES IN CONFERENCE WITH GEDDES ON PARLEY

Discuss Details Which Must Be Arranged Prior to Formal Invitations.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Secy Hughes and Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, spent more than an hour in conference today discussing it was understood, the details which must be arranged prior to the delivery of formal invitations to the proposed conference on the limitation of armaments and the far east. No official report of the conversation was afforded, but it was said that the British government probably would not insist any further upon a preliminary conference convened early in November. It also developed during the day that the French government is not adverse to Nov. 11, the anniversary of armistice day, as the date for the first meeting and that unofficially Italy, Japan and China have indicated their willingness to accept that date.
Satisfactory with recent developments were expressed by officials and there were indications that the invitations would be sent out early next week. The United States government and others invited to confer are expected to discuss the general scope of the conference, determining to a certain extent the character of the agenda by means of an exchange of views either made directly by their diplomatic representatives or by communications, but United States, it has been made plain does not propose to be a party to any movement which has for its object the laying down of hard and fast rules. It is expected that the final definition of the agenda and the determination of the scope of the conference will take place at the early meetings of the main conference.

LORD NORTHCLEFFE REFUSES FURTHER REMARKS ON CLASH

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The interview attributed to Lord Northcliffe in some newspapers abroad and which brought forth a denial from the king, was credited to Mr. Stead in Monday's issue of the New York Times, from which it was taken. Mr. Stead, however, declared today that he was misquoted.

"The direct statements attributed to me I did not make," he said. "I could not have made them, because neither Lloyd George nor the king told me what they said to one another. I do not know to this day what they said to one another."

"As to the actual facts of the Irish situation, it is a fact no one can contest that the possible settlement growing out of the truce are directly accountable to the speech by the king at Belfast—a great hearted, considerate speech."

"It is also inconceivable that King George feels for all his subjects an equal solicitude and nothing would rejoice him more than to see prospective peace in Ireland."

"The London Times has worked very hard for the last two years to promote the settlement in Ireland, that the government seems to be approaching, and we have given Mr. Lloyd George's government the fullest support when it seemed to be leading the path of peace by the shall continue to give the Lloyd-George government fullest support in all efforts toward a successful conclusion. No one knows that better than Lloyd-George, who for two years has had pertinent reasons to know how true it is. That and that alone was the sense of the quite informal talk which I had with the representative of the New York Times."

Lord Northcliffe played golf on Long Island today with Thomas W. Lamont, New York banker, who, the publisher said, defeated him soundly.

TO DECIDE ON PROVISIONS OF FORDNEY BILL

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Although the dye embargo section was eliminated by the house after a fight, witnesses appeared today arguing that their industry were given some protection it would be destroyed by German competition. The suggestion was made that the tariff bill would not be out of committee by the date the war time control now in force had ended, and that it might be continued by congressional resolution until permanent legislation could be enacted. Committee members said, however, that the suggestion by witnesses assumed that the bill would contain an embargo and if none were placed in it, no further consideration ought to be given the question.

"HUNGER STRIKE" DIES.
CHICAGO, July 30.—Preferring death by starvation to facing trial on a charge of having slain his wife, Andrew Brykajlo died in the county hospital today as the result of a long hunger strike.

OFFER SHIPS FOR SALE.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Eleven former German cargo steamers and one cargo passenger steamship were today offered for sale on a lump sum basis by the shipping board. Bids will be opened Aug. 13. The ships are all steel craft and average around six thousand dead weight tons.

Salesmen Spurt in Last Two Weeks of Club Race

Time Grows Short in Competition for Big Awards—More Credits Allowed This Week Than in Final Lap—Credit Standings Show Progress of Workers in News-Times Club—Time to "Speed Up."

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"Speed Up" week. All new subscriptions turned in or mailed before 10 p. m. next Saturday, August 6 will earn ninety per cent more than the regular schedule of credits. This gives everyone an opportunity to add materially to their stock of reserve credits and those who really mean business will turn in every available subscription between now and next Saturday night.

Effort counts more during the coming week than it will the following week—the last week of the campaign. During the last week new subscriptions will earn eighty per cent bonus credits. It is therefore, easy to see that those who put forth extraordinary effort between now and next Saturday night will have an advantage over those who hold back until the final week.

Following is the list of active members, together with credits accepted for publication. This of course does not include reserve credits which are being held for a number of the more active workers.

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All that part of the city of South Bend north of Washington av. (including Washington av.) and west of the St. Joseph river.

Member	Credits
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All that part of the city of South Bend south of Washington av. (not including Washington av.) and west of Michigan st. (including Michigan st.)

Member	Credits
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Mike Buttolich	219,750
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Miss Margaret Keogan	281,750
Leon Kowalski	278,250
Miss Kathryn Liebelt	279,000
Mrs. Camiel Monserey	284,500
Miss Edythe Perwell	15,000
Casmir Markiewicz	18,000
Wm. C. Banke	14,000
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All that part of the city of South Bend east and north of the St. Joseph river.

Member	Credits
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Miss Henrietta Myers	280,750
Millard Smith	20,250
Robert Swint	283,000
O. E. Shriber	11,500
Edgar Singleton	13,750
Harold Winkler	279,750
Miss Vera L. Miller	160,600

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All that part of the city of South Bend east of S. Michigan st. (not including S. Michigan st.) to the St. Joseph river.

Member	Credits
Charles A. Barr	17,250
Frank Kuesper	20,250
Miss Vivian Rhodes	17,750
Miss Marjorie Herberster	280,800

DISTRICT 5
Mishawaka.

Member	Credits
Donald Bennett	57,500
Mrs. David Buckhart	281,500
Mrs. Mary Eaton	280,750
R. H. Kaiser	24,250
Mrs. Francis G. Peters	238,300
C. S. Silek	164,000
Miss F. K. Murphy	280,000
John L. Jacobs	31,750
Chancie L. Snyder	29,000
Miss Margaret Bickel	30,000
Augustus Stearns	10,750
Mrs. S. S. Bauer	279,250
Mrs. J. W. Baird	97,500

DISTRICT 6
St. Joseph county, outside of South Bend and Mishawaka.

Member	Credits
Walter Mucha, Granger	281,500
Mrs. Daisy Swanson, New Carlisle	277,800
Theodore Schubert, R. R. South Bend	13,900
Orland Stull, North Liberty	250,000
Burrell Willis, Walkerton	278,800
Herold Anthony, Lakeville	195,900
Hollis Mattox, Lakeville	282,850
Arthur Meyers, R. R. South Bend	11,500
E. A. Hauser, North Liberty	15,800

DISTRICT 7
Michigan.

Member	Credits
B. E. Burgoyne, Berrien Springs	281,000
Mrs. George I. Fox, Three Oaks	280,900
Lothane Hall, Niles	22,600
Mrs. Wava Platt, Niles	21,400
Mrs. Albert Wilson, Three Oaks	280,800

SHIP OFFICER DROWNS.
NEW YORK, July 30.—Capt. Patrick Howe, of the tugboat Clarence P. Howland, went down with his ship and was drowned today when the tug sank after a collision with the tramp freighter, Penchurch, off 39th street pier, Brooklyn. A deck hand is missing.

DISTRICT 8
Marshall and Elkhart counties in Indiana.

Member	Credits
Arnold C. Knoepple, Bremen	281,100
J. L. Llewellyn, Goshen	15,400
Miss Florence Yoder, Wakarusa	280,750
Mrs. Ada Berger, Bremen	282,000
Mrs. H. E. Goshen, La Paz	280,400
Mrs. Oscar Campbell, Plymouth	177,100
Miss Bernita White, Argos	12,500

DISTRICT 9
Any territory in which The News-Times circulates not included in other districts.

Member	Credits
Wilbur Boardman, Laporte	106,900
A. J. Cavanaugh, Knox	19,250
Rolling Prairie	20,200
James A. Bolin, Argos	11,200
Wm. Good, Knox	40,000

BRITISH AGREE TO FRENCH PROPOSALS

Lord Hardinge Informs Briand of Acquiescence to Silesian Notes.

By Associated Press.
PARIS, July 30.—Lord Hardinge, the British ambassador informed Premier Briand this evening that Great Britain willingly agrees to the proposals contained in the French premier's latest note relative to troop reinforcements for Upper Silesia. The British ambassador at Berlin has been instructed to join his French and Italian colleagues in a common demand that the German government facilitate by all possible means the transport of allied troops across Germany, whenever the situation in Upper Silesia renders it necessary.

Marquis Curzon, the British foreign secretary, in the note which Lord Hardinge handed Mr. Briand, proposed August 8 as the date for the meeting of the supreme council as the Italian premier is unable to attend sooner. Premier Lloyd-George will attend if the French desire his presence. The British reply is extremely cordial. Lord Hardinge expressed satisfaction over the disposition of the recent misunderstanding.

Receives Instructions.
Baron D'Abernon, the British ambassador to Germany, has received instructions from his government to associate himself with Charles Laurent, the French ambassador at Berlin, in the demand for the safe passage through Germany of reinforcements for Upper Silesia, according to Berlin advices tonight.

Belgium, it is learned, will be invited to attend the meeting of the supreme council, and the United States will send an observer. The question of sending reinforcements into the plebiscite area will be settled first, after which the council will consider the division of the Upper Silesian territory as between Germany and Poland. Problems concerned with the reparations question will not be taken up, these being left for settlement by the allied ministers of finance. It is understood the council also will discuss means for giving aid to famine-stricken Russia and probably will examine the far east situation.

TO STRIVE FOR LARGE CUT IN U. S. TAX BILL

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fairly well established that there will be no alterations in the normal rates on individual incomes or in the amount of exemptions allowed. There probably will be some shifting of the tax burden in other directions. Mr. Fordney is of the belief that some new source of taxation will be found.

The chairman said today he was studying the Canadian system of taxing luxuries, particularly in their relation to the so-called luxury taxes imposed by the present American law. Illustrating the difference between the two, Mr. Fordney said that in this country in the case of wearing apparel a luxury tax was imposed on the cost above a specified sum, whereas in Canada a tax was imposed upon the wholesale price where the cost was in excess of a given amount.

Asked about the repeal of what the treasury has characterized as "nuisance" taxes, such as on soda water, Mr. Fordney said smilingly that all the taxes in the bill were "nuisances."

TWO AVIATORS KILLED AT DENVER AIR DERBY

DENVER, Colo., July 30.—While hundreds of spectators looked on at an air carnival here this afternoon, Pilot Ross E. Poland, 39, of Cambridge, Mo., and George W. Linger, 61, prominent Denver automobile man, were almost instantly killed when their plane crashed fifteen feet to the ground at the take-off of an air derby.

The heavy motor was thrown back against the bodies of the pilot and Linger, who was acting as one of the judges of the race.

The other pilots, not noticing the accident, continued the race which was won by Pilot Paul Meng.

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Russian Pony Skin Coats

Natural Skunk or Australian Opossum Collars and Cuffs.
\$125.00 Cash Price.
\$140.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch XXX Hudson Seal Coats

Collars and cuffs of Skunk, Beaver or Grey Squirrel.
\$268.00 Cash Price.
\$305.00 Credit Price.

40-Inch Plain Persian Lamb Coats

\$495.00 Cash Price.
\$550.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch Plain French Near Seal Coats

\$150.00 Cash Price.
\$190.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch French Coney Coats

Brown or Taupe.
\$50.00 Cash Price.
\$62.50 Credit Price.

36-Inch Plain Marmot Coats

\$90.00 Cash Price.
\$110.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch Trimmed Marmot Coats

Natural Raccoon collars and cuffs.
\$125.00 Cash Price.
\$140.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch Dark Muskrat Coats

Natural Raccoon collars and cuffs.
\$138.50 Cash Price.
\$168.50 Credit Price.

36-Inch Natural Raccoon Coats

Very dark, beautiful quality.
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\$215.00 Credit Price.

36-Inch Mole Coat

\$295.00 Cash.

36-Inch Siberian Squirrel Coat

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